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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Luis Rafael
HERRERA ESTRELLA

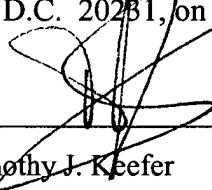
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) Title: PROCESS FOR OBTAINING
TRANSGENIC PLANTS HAVING
IMPROVED NUTRIENT UPTAKE
CAPACITY AND TOLERANCE TO TOXIC
COMPOUNDS PRESENT IN SOILS
) Attorney Docket: TJK/137
) Group Art Unit: 1655
) Examiner: J. Taylor
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed June 13, 2001 for which the term for response expired September 13, 2001. Please find attached herewith a check in the amount of \$460 for a three month extension of term based on the small entity status of the Applicant accompanied by a duplicate extension request.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows: